Outlook

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Connor,
Your teacher Val Carr told me about your dad.  I'm so so sorry.
I can only believe that he was so very proud of you, and will always be watching you with pride from his new home.  Your incredible focus and drive, your interest in politics, your leadership at Lakeshore, your great heart -- all are evidence that your dad's life was well-lived, even if far too short.  I hope you take some time to grieve.  Allow the pain to be expressed.  Be with your family and give them the ability to grieve too.  It will take time, and I hope you can give it the time you need.

In the meantime, know that there are incredible people out there supporting you, both close by and from afar -- your teachers, like Ms. Carr, your friends, your family.  We are all praying for you and they are there to support you.  I hope you take advantage of that love.
And when you emerge from this difficult experience, having felt this deep pain and loss, you will be that much better of a leader for it.  When you laid the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown soldier, perhaps you didn't fully know what it was like for those families to lose their loved one.  Today, you have some real sense of that loss.

I hope you are able to honor your father's life over these next weeks.

God bless you and your family.
With deep sympathy,
Jennifer Granholm

Sent from my iPad